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In re Patent Application of:)
Philip George Ellis) Group Art Unit: 3725
Application Number: 09/786,739) Examiner: D. CRANE
Filed: October 15, 2001)
For: BUILDING FRAME MEMBER AND)
METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION)

REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
AND RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Request for three-month extension of time begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Request for reconsideration begins on page 7 of this paper.

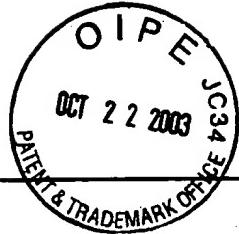
Arguments/Remarks begins on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including new **Fig. 5** is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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Request for Three-Month Extension of Time to Respond:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, with respect to the above-captioned patent application, up to and including October 22, 2003. Please charge the \$950 large entity fee for a three-month extension of time, and any other fees associated with this responsive amendment, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-4377.